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Forecast calls for more mosquitoes

Buzzworthy outlook. Winter's huge snowfall will yield plenty of standing water for nuisance mosquito development

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The winter has seemed endless, but beware the buzzing and biting to come once the snow is finally gone.

Saskatchewan's heaping snowpack is expected to clear the way for an onslaught of nuisance mosquitoes this spring, by leaving behind expansive pools of run-off for the bugs to hatch in.

"There's just too much habitat out there, so we will have a lot of mosquitoes," Phil Curry, an entomologist and West Nile virus co-ordinator with the provincial Ministry of Health, said of the standing water anticipated through the thaw.

"They'll be slow to develop, but they will come," he said of the bloodsuckers. "And when they come, they'll come with a vengeance."

Pest alert!

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Phil Curry, an entomologist and West Nile virus co-ordinator with the provincial Ministry of Health, of the mosquitoes expected in the province.

Curry pointed out that the development of the adult, nuisance mosquitoes in Saskatchewan will likely take about two weeks longer than in most years because of the prolonged cold weather and lingering snow, though he said the bugs will break out in "higher than normal" populations, and "pretty much everywhere" in the province when it happens.

"They will come out in droves, given the right temperatures," he explained, noting the insects' arrival as adults could occur in late May.

"The fortunate thing is that these are not the kinds that carry the West Nile virus."

The potentially dangerous and even deadly West Nile, Curry noted, is a "hot-weather virus" carried by Culex tarsalis mosquitoes and shouldn't emerge until July or August.

Even the "very good" municipal larviciding programs in Regina and Saskatoon, he said, will find their control work "a lot harder to do this year" because of the sheer number of standing-water sites.

"The snow has really pushed us back three weeks behind schedule," Ray Morgan, Regina's city manager of forestry, pest control and horticulture, said of his department's timeline for dousing water with larvicide.

"Guaranteed, there are going to be pockets of water standing around throughout the city. Those are our first priority."

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An insect control crew member sprays larvicide onto standing water in the Regina area last spring. Mosquito populations are expected to surge in Saskatchewan this year. JEFF MACKEY/METRO FILE

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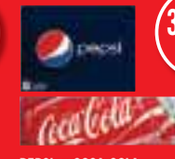

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Tanker truck rollover

Oil spill on Sask. highway did not leak into lake

An environment official says an oil spill from a tanker truck that rolled on an icy stretch of southern Saskatchewan highway did not end up in a lake that supplies drinking water for two cities.

Wes Kotyk, a spokesman for the Environment Ministry, says there is no risk of any oil from a more than 1,000-litre spill getting into Buffalo Lake because of snowbanks along the highway. Buffalo Lake supplies water for Regina and Moose Jaw.

The spill happened Wednesday night when a semi hauling two trailers hit a guard rail and rolled over on Highway 2 between Moose Jaw and Chamberlain.

Kotyk says a vacuum truck is cleaning up oil on the road, while other crews work to drain what's left in the rolled-over tankers.

The driver of the truck was taken to hospital, but is said to be in good condition.

The intake for the water treatment plant is 20 kilometres from the spill site.

"The pup trailer had released some of its contents, but the contents of that trailer had all been confined to the road," Kotyk said at a news conference in Saskatoon. "As of this point, there has been no used oil that has been released to the lake."

Highway 2 was still closed late Thursday morning, but was expected to reopen later in the day. Kotyk said it could take days before the semi and trailers are hauled away, resulting in possible traffic delays. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A woman can be seen walking though winter weather in Regina. Saskatchewan residents are no stranger to these cold conditions as the province is nearing its sixth month of wintry conditions. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Residents sick of the winter blues

Low 'lux'. Lack of sunlight, cloudy conditions impacting people's moods

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

With the winter conditions approaching the six-month mark in Saskatchewan, residents are experiencing an extreme case of the winter blues.

Gordon Asmundson, a psychology professor at the University of Regina and clinical psychologist, explained winter has always been associated with conditions like Seasonal Affective Disorder and subclinical levels of depression. These days with the continued barrage of cold conditions man people are feeling fed up.

"In this case, this has been going on a lot longer," Asmundson said.

Lana Shaw, a registered psychiatric nurse and a nurse therapist with the Saskatoon Health Region, said they've seen an increase in the amount of people being affected.

"We've absolutely seen an increase in more people being low or sluggish and maybe on the blue side," said Shaw.

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"I think people at this point are experiencing not only ... the winter blues, as we might call them, but increasing level of frustration, because it seems to be going on longer than we can handle."

Gordon Asmundson, a psychology professor at the University of Regina

She explained one of the reasons people become depressed during the winter is mainly because of the lack of sunlight. Right now, with the long winter edging into early spring, the amount of sunlight is lacking as the amount of lux — a unit used to measure illuminance — is considerably lower than normal.

"It's not so much the cold, its how much lux we're getting from the sunlight," said Shaw. "We're only getting 3,000 to 4,000 at noon and to compare that, on a normal spring time day, with the sunlight coming up early, we're getting 81,000 lux at noon, so that's a huge difference."

Family searching for answers in case of missing woman

Foul play? Kim Cruickshank's family is suspicious after finding Kim's dogs locked in a bedroom

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Kristen Cruickshank and her mother Debbie spent Thursday visiting hotels, motels and high-traffic businesses putting up posters.

They are hoping the more people see the photograph of their missing loved one Kimberly Cruickshank, the more likely someone will come forward with information on her whereabouts.

"(It's) been very tough. We are just trying to support each other, we refuse to give up hope," said Kristen, Kimberly's sister and the oldest of Debbie's three daughters.

Kristen and Debbie came to Regina from their home north of Toronto in the hopes of spreading the word about Kim's disappearance. They have not heard from the 27-year-old since March 22.

Tips

Visit findkim.ca or call police at 306-777-6500 if you have any information on Kim's whereabouts.

"We talked about what she had for supper, about her going to work. There was no distress, she was happy," said Kristen.

After the family filed a missing person report on March 26, city police went to Kim's east-end home and found her two beloved dogs locked in a bedroom without food or water. That was an indicator of what Debbie believes is foul play.

"We just know she is being held against her will, that's for sure. She is not doing this on her own," said Debbie.

Although they stay in contact with police, the family has been kept at arm's length so as to not jeopardize the investigation.

"I know all the mothers in the world right now probably know how I feel, because they could only just have to imagine if one of their kids goes missing," said Debbie, wiping her eyes.

Debbie Cruickshank and her daughter Kristen continue to put up posters about Kimberly, who has been missing for almost three weeks. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Shovels ready to break ground at U of R residence

University president Vianne Timmons, left, Minister June Draude and Minister Don Morgan unveil the design for a new residence at the University of Regina. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

With an eye on addressing the shortage of student housing in Regina, the University of Regina announced the construction of a 605-bed dormitory on Thursday.

The project is slated to begin sometime this spring and will receive a $10-million contribution from the province — about half of what the university was initially hoping for.

"Our enrolments have grown considerably," said University of Regina president Vianne Timmons. "We are really pleased with that, but with that kind of growth comes challenges."

The project will cost an estimated $73.7 million, with the complex expected to open by the fall of 2015. Along with residence rooms, the facility will have a daycare with a capacity of 90 spaces, as well as 150 underground parking spots.

It is hoped that the project will address some of Regina's housing problems.

"It is good for the city of Regina because it will take some significant pressure off housing," said Advanced Education Minister Don Morgan.

Cost

$73.7M

The estimated cost of the project, with a $10-million contribution coming from the province

"Our students take housing rentals all around the university, and the areas around the university have the lowest vacancy rates in Regina," said Timmons. "So having 605 new residence (rooms) will open some rentals around the university grounds."

There is also a considerably high demand for childcare at the university. Initially, the project was going to have 180 spaces. The university currently has 90 spaces.

"We are still doubling the childcare spaces, going from 90 to 180, and we feel that's a great initiative and one we can manage," said Timmons.

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Soccer player sought

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Police are looking for a soccer player who attacked a referee, knocking him unconscious at Credit Union Eventplex Wednesday. A man allegedly struck the referee on the jaw, causing him to fall to the floor. METRO

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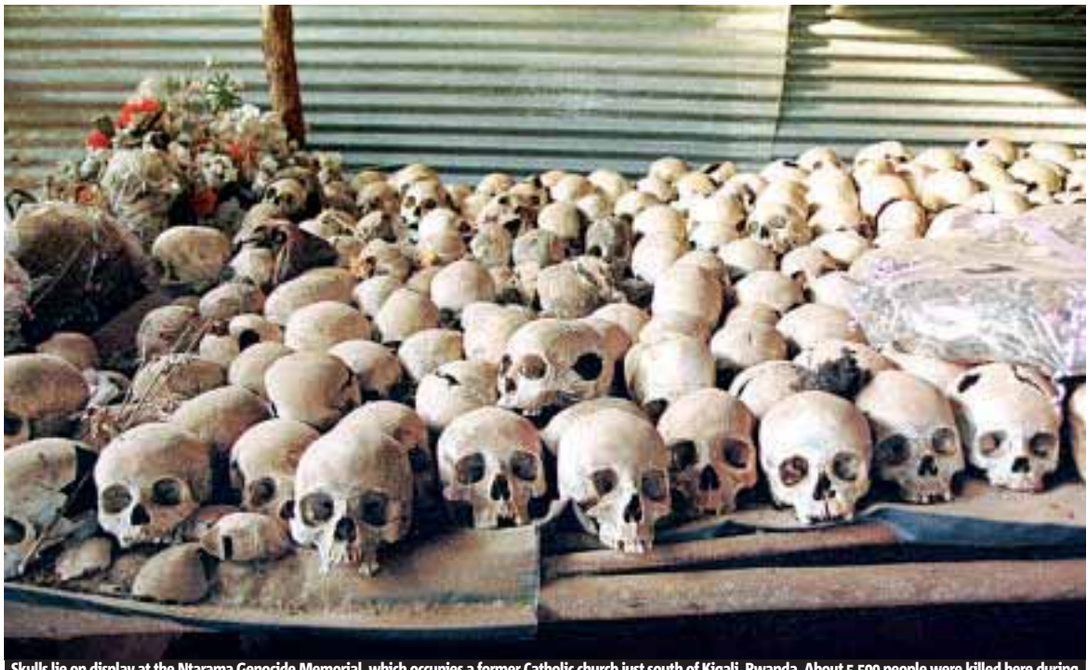
Flood prep

The provincial Emergency Operations Centre is up and running in advance of a potential spring flood. The centre in Regina has upgraded its technology and is learning from a review of a flood two years ago. METRO



Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multilingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech, when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project.

"When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it's spiking over time — that tensions are rising," he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s, "inyenzi" — meaning cockroach — was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful language can also indicate other violence that doesn't necessarily amount to genocide.

What's in a word?

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself."

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

"God knows, there's a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention," Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn't easy.

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself," Quinn said. "There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent."

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of "cockroach" in Rwanda in the '90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

"The spread of our users is global," he said. "We're starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn't have before."

Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn't without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations concerned about genocide.

"I've had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I've got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn't think was hate speech," Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki, such as "patriarchy," "cis male" and "white privilege," are found in academic language commonly used in womens' studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are relevant and doesn't bother with anything that doesn't relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. "Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funnily enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most," he said.

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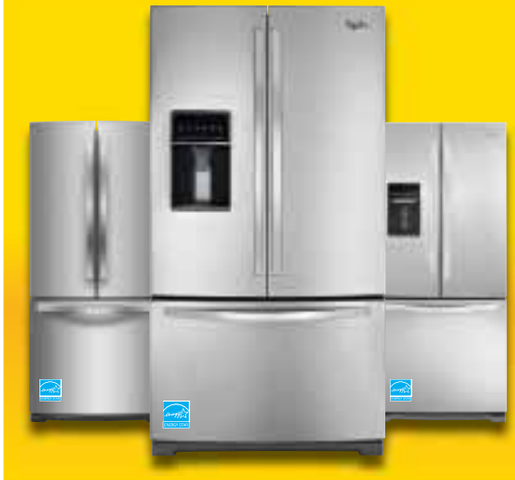

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U.S. boys unaware of kidnapping

Two young U.S. boys seem unaware their parents kidnapped them and believed their sailboat trip to Cuba was only a vacation, not an attempt to flee U.S. authorities, the children's grandparents said Thursday.

Last week, the maternal grandparents were granted custody. Police say Joshua Hakken then broke into their Florida home, tied up his mother-in-law, took the four-year-old and two-year-old and set sail for Cuba.

Joshua and Sharyn Hakken arrived in Florida early Wednesday with their sons and the family dog after being handed over by Cuban officials. Grandparents Patricia and Bob Hauser said they want to get the boys back to a normal schedule.

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North Korea

Leader showing he's in charge?

North Korea's new leader is using the threat of a nuclear strike to get concessions on foreign aid rather than trying to trigger military conflict, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the House intelligence committee that he thinks Kim Jong Un is trying to show the U.S., the world and his own people that he is "firmly in control in North Korea," while attempting to manoeuvre the international community into concessions in future negotiations.

Clapper said the intelligence community believes the North would only use nuclear weapons to preserve the Kim regime.

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A Swedish instructor looks on as Malian soldiers practice shooting techniques during a European Union training session in the village of Koulikoro, Mali, ahead of the final pullout of French troops from the west African country.

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EU training Mali soldiers

French pullout. There are concerns militants pushed back by military intervention will regroup

Broken military

Mali's military chain of command was broken after a coup last year. Soldiers lack respect for their commanders and superiors.

- There are reports that soldiers, humiliated by their defeat last year at the hands of the Islamic extremists, have carried out reprisals against the Arab and Tuareg civilians left behind.

In preparation for a drawdown of French troops from Mali, a European Union team started training Malian soldiers for battle against jihadists who overran much of this West African country before they were pushed back by a French military intervention.

On a recent day, small groups of Malians stood in the burning heat and orange sands in the town of Koulikoro, 60 kilometres west of the capital Bamako, learning to hold weapons. They began the training last week, and this week they learned how to shoot from standing, sitting and prone positions.

About 550 people form the team meant to ready Mali's army for combat. But there is worry that the project to train thousands of soldiers may not be sufficient to keep the Islamic militants at bay.

French military spokesman Col. Thierry Burkhard said this week that about 100 French troops have been pulled out of Mali and were as of this week in Cyprus on their way back to France.

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Museum. Project to store 200 years of Palestinian history

Palestinians on Thursday began construction of the West Bank's largest museum devoted to their history, planning to tell diverse stories of Palestinians in their land and of millions who live abroad.

The museum represents a step in the Palestinian quest for statehood by creating a repository for 200 years of history, alongside galleries and space for debates about the Palestinian cause, said director Jack Persekian.

Persekian hoped the privately funded museum, which has government support, would tell stories not just of Palestinian Muslims and Christians, but also of Jews who lived in what was Britain-administered Palestine before Israel was founded in 1948.

Jack Persekian

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Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

Halifax. N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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Remembering Rehtaeh

"She was a remarkable young woman."

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

Beyond bullying

PM responds

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Internet criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the message before deleting it.

Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

68-31. 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Volunteers place more than 3,300 crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday to remember those affected by gun violence. Clergy from Newtown, Conn., and others will begin a 24-hour vigil to urge Congress to pass tougher gun laws. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat.

Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. immigration bill moving, thanks to farmers

Agriculture growers have signed off on the major elements of a new program to bring farm workers to the U.S., a key senator said Thursday, moving a major immigration bill a step closer to passage.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said the growers have agreed on wages and numbers of visas in the new program, which would allow tens of thousands of farm workers into the country. Those were the big sticking points between the industry and the United Farm Workers.

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"We have a deal on wage and cap. There are still things that they're going over with respect to worker protections, which are in the bill."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, on nearing the final goal of the program: to secure the border, create a path to citizenship for 11 million people now living illegally in the U.S., and require employers to electronically verify the legal status of their workers

Expats. Canucks in S. Korea unfazed by nuclear threats

North Korea's latest threat of a missile attack against its southern neighbour is not rattling Canadians living and working in South Korea, who say Pyongyang's war talk is nothing new.

Andrei Cherwinski, 29, an English teacher on his third contract in South Korea, said nobody is taking the threat seriously. "Everybody's still going to work, everybody's still going out on the town, nobody is concerned," said Cherwinski, who is from Ottawa but now calls Seoul home.

Tensions in the Korean Peninsula continued to rise on Thursday as North Korea hinted at a missile launch, claiming it had "powerful striking means" on standby.

"I kind of follow the people around me, how everybody acts. I don't see people getting upset," said Andrew Sachs, 28, who is from Haliburton, Ont.

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A North Korean soldier keeps watch on a boat on Wednesday near the North Korean town of Sinuiju. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New report

Spending on drugs grows at slowest rate in 16 years

A new report suggests spending on prescription drugs in Canada continues to grow, but at the slowest rate in 16 years.

The slowed growth is said to be because patents expired for several drugs, which meant people could buy cheaper generic versions. The report says Canadians spent $33 billion on drugs in 2012, or an average of $947 per person. The report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, says drugs continue to make up the second-largest share of health spending, after hospitals, ahead of the cost of doctors' salaries.

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Navigating bureaucracy

Veterans groups offer guidance on benefits

Two independent organizations are stepping forward to help disabled veterans navigate the maze of federal government benefits, claims and appeals.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Wounded Warriors Canada announced the partnership Thursday, saying their goal is to better connect ex-soldiers and their families with available programs. The organizations will also provide professional counselling and free representation services at all stages of the disability-claim process, up to and including challenges before the Veterans Review and Appeals Board. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Supreme Court won't hear oilsands appeal

Mine expansion. Alberta First Nations group suggests it may mount another bid to block ruling

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's bid to block a ruling on Shell's Jackpine oilsands mine expansion in northern Alberta.

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided if the Shell project could go ahead.

The board said governments should determine how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

The First Nation also says the decision means the board will make a Jackpine decision without anyone considering whether the band's right to adequate consultation has been fulfilled.

It hinted it may mount another bid to block the ruling.

"We do not know the reasons why the Supreme Court did not grant (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation) a hearing. It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta," Adam said.

"We will have to decide if we move ahead with different legal strategies to uphold our rights."

Band lawyer Eamon Murphy said from Vancouver that the First Nation still has legal options.

Once the review panel issues its recommendation, permits for specific aspects of the project must still be issued by federal and provincial authorities. Murphy said the band is considering legal challenges at those levels.

"On those approvals, we would have to look at them and see if there's any possibility of reviewing those in court," he said. "It becomes more difficult, frankly."

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Aboriginal consultation

Under legislation passed during the Jackpine hearings, the province's new regulatory board is specifically prohibited from hearing concerns about consultation.

- The province is trying to set up an office to handle such a task, but bands from all three of Alberta's treaty groups say the draft policy ignores their concerns and defines the issue on the government's terms.
- The Supreme Court is also refusing to hear an appeal by B.C.'s Adams Lake Indian Band, which claims it was not adequately consulted before the province established a municipality on lands the band claims as its own.

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"It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta."

Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam

Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels

Stephen Harper is escorted by naval officers prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., in 2007. DEDDEDA STEMLER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the $4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised the arctic warships during the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refuelling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut. The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Twitter's Most Wanted

Police using social media to catch 'The Vaulter'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaulter."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton and Peel and York Regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a $20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime. 'Tough' cases to be heard

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

The first case involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions.

The prisoners argued they should have been treated under the old law, which allowed early parole after serving one-sixth of a sentence.

They won in lower courts, but the Supreme Court agreed to hear the attorney general's appeal.

The second case deals with credit for pre-trial detention.

A lower court judge credited the offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing, which the federal government appealed.

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‘White-hat’ hackers. Students get real-world cyber-security training

Every week, a group of teens and 20-somethings gets together on a college campus, turn up music and begin hacking into computer networks.

But they’re not criminals: They’re students training to become “white-hat” hackers, experts that help business and government agencies protect their data from cyber-attacks.

Since actual hacking is illegal, students can’t just sneak into a webpage and poke around. So industry experts and professors collaborate to create exercises that expose them to real-world hacking scenarios.

“Becoming good at security involves doing these challenges, exercises that put you in the context even if it’s artificial and made up,” says NYU-Poly professor Nasir Memon.

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Julian Cohen, 22, looks at his computer in the Information Systems and Internet Security lab at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University Wednesday in New York. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox site pulls Coulter column

No laughing matter. Conservative commentator told to ‘get a life’ after remark about shooting senator’s daughter

The Fox Nation website has removed a column by Ann Coulter because it had a reference to killing the daughter of Sen. John McCain.

Coulter wrote about how MSNBC’s Martin Bashir suggested Republican senators wouldn’t support gun-control legislation until a member of their family was killed. She wrote: “Let’s start with Meghan McCain!”

In response, McCain’s mother, Cindy, tweeted that “Ann Coulter needs to get a life!”

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Ann Coulter gestures while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Feb. 10, 2012. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crime

2 arrested in U.K. for assault on ‘emo’ teen

British police say they have arrested two people over an assault on an “emo” teenage boy — the first to be recorded in the country as an alternative-subculture hate crime.

Short for “emotional punk,” the term refers to a style of rock music and associated fashion.

Greater Manchester Police said they detained a 14-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man after receiving reports that a 16-year-old boy who described himself as an “emo” was assaulted.

The police force said last week they would begin recording offences against members of “goths, emos, punks and metallers” in the same way they do attacks based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

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Lawsuit over age

Junie Hoang
IMDB

Seattle jury weighs case of actress who sued movie database over publication of her age

A federal jury in Seattle is deliberating the case of a little-known actress who sued Amazon.com and its Internet Movie Database for revealing her age.

Huong Hoang goes by the stage name Junie Hoang and has appeared in such films as Gingerdead Man 3: Saturday Night Cleaver and Hoodrats 2: Hoodrat Warriors.

The 41-year-old says offers for roles dried up after the popular online movie database mined her account information to learn her true age. She sued for breach of contract, and the case went to trial this week. The judge dismissed parent company Amazon as a defendant before the trial.

IMDB has argued that it has a First Amendment right to publish accurate information and Hoang can't prove she lost any money because of it.

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Stanley Marsh 3 is booked into the Potter County, Texas, Detention Center in this November photo. A Texas grand jury has indicted the eccentric millionaire artist on charges that he sexually assaulted two teenagers, according to documents released Thursday. AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS, MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Millionaire artist faces sex charges

Civil suits. Marsh settled lawsuits in February involving 10 teenagers who alleged he paid them for sex

A Texas grand jury has indicted eccentric millionaire and artist Stanley Marsh 3 on charges that he sexually assaulted six teenagers, according to documents.

Marsh, 75, was indicted Wednesday on four counts of sexual assault of a child, eight counts of sexual performance by a child and two counts of indecency with a child. If convicted, Marsh, the son of an oil tycoon, faces up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to $10,000 on each count.

The allegations date to before Marsh suffered a massive stroke in 2011. Marsh has been free on bond since he turned himself in on a November arrest warrant.

A statement from his lawyers noted the accusers had filed civil suits "seeking millions of dollars" and that they had waited to come forward until after Marsh's stroke.

The civil suits alleged Marsh gave teenage boys cash, alcohol, drugs and in one case, two BMWs, to perform sex acts with him during secret encounters at his office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pop art

Marsh is probably best known for sponsoring the pop art landmark Cadillac Ranch in the early 1970s.

- Cadillac Ranch along Interstate 70 near Amarillo features 10 Cadillacs, buried nose down, that were gathered from junkyards, private collectors and used car lots.
- Marsh, who uses the Arabic numeral '3' in his legal name, has painted the cars black and yellow to honour the passing of longtime friends.

Breaking Bad. Car break-in suspect arrested again

An Albuquerque man accused of breaking into Breaking Bad actor Bryan Cranston's car late last year and stealing a script has been arrested again.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office records show that 29-year-old Xavier McAfee was arrested Wednesday on another count of auto burglary.

Deputies arrested McAfee last month on suspicion of breaking into Cranston's car in December and stealing an iPad, a shoulder bag and miscellaneous personal things.

The award-winning AMC TV series is set in Albuquerque and is filming its fifth and final season in and around the city.

Breaking Bad follows Cranston's character, Walter White, producing and selling methamphetamine with former student Jesse Pinkman, who's played by Aaron Paul.

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Rockefeller impostor. Found guilty of murder

A German immigrant who spent decades posing as an heir to the Rockefeller fortune and using other identities was found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a man whose bones were found buried nearly 20 years ago in suburban Los Angeles. Christian Gerhartsreiter, 52, was convicted Wednesday in the case that went to trial 28 years after the disappearance of newlyweds John and Linda Sohus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christian Gerhartsreiter sits with his attorney as a verdict was reached in Los Angeles Wednesday. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE, WALTER MANCINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Star-studded mourners

Thatcher's funeral grandest in decade

Invitations to Margaret Thatcher's funeral are going out to more than 2,000 celebrities, dignitaries, colleagues and friends of the late British leader — from former U.S. presidents to Dynasty star Joan Collins and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Thatcher, who died Monday at the age of 87, will be given a funeral with military honours at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday.

Though not officially a state funeral, it is the grandest such service seen in Britain since the death in 2002 of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

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Guatemala

Four dead, 96 ill due to food poisoning

Authorities in Guatemala say four people have died and 96 others have been hospitalized for food poisoning in a town west of the nation's capital.

The fire department said the victims include children who ate produce that wasn't properly cleaned. A doctor at one of the hospitals said that the deaths were caused by E. coli.

Two of Julio Gervacio Rac's children died, and his wife and three other children are still in hospital. He said the family dined Wednesday on broccoli and eggs purchased from a local market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas college stabbing

Documents depict accused as a would-be Hannibal Lecter

A man accused of a mass stabbing at a Texas college told investigators that he had fantasized about cannibalism and necrophilia and about cutting off people's faces and wearing them as masks, according to a court document released Thursday.

Dylan Quick is being held on three counts of aggravated assault for Tuesday's attack at Lone Star Community College that injured 14.

A search-warrant affidavit stated a "Hannibal Lecter Mask" and an animal dissection kit were seized from his home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

Jerusalem. Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the conflict and the legitimate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

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About what, not where

"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing $36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

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Assad regime slaughtered civilians: Syrian rebels

Syrian government forces launched a counteroffensive in the south, capturing a town and killing at least 45 people, including women and children, opposition activists said Thursday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights activist group reported that they were killed by "shooting, shelling and field execution," a reference to people reported to have been shot at close range.

The attack on the town of Sanamein followed a rebel advance in the area in recent weeks. Rebels captured army bases and a major town in the strategic province of Daraa along the border with Jordan.

"They slaughtered any person they found," an activist in the nearby town of Busra al-Harir told The Associated Press via Skype. He would not give his name for fear of reprisal.

A Syrian girl who was wounded in a airstrike in February. ABDULLAH AL-YASSIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"This is the ugliest massacre since the one in Houla," he added, referring to a region where government forces killed more than 100 civilians in May.

Rebels advancing in the south in recent weeks have been aiming to secure a corridor from the Jordanian border to Damascus about 60 miles away in preparation for an assault on the capital.

Regional officials and military experts note a sharp increase in weapons shipments to opposition fighters by Arab governments, in co-ordination with the U.S., in the hopes of readying a push into Damascus.

Rebels already control vast portions of northern Syria bordering Turkey.

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An Open Letter to Canadians

RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be.

The recent debate about an outsourcing arrangement for some technology services has raised important questions.

While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require - it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart.

Despite our best efforts, we don't always meet everyone's expectations, and when we get it wrong you are quick to tell us. You have my assurance that I'm listening and we are making the following commitments.

First, I want to apologize to the employees affected by this outsourcing arrangement as we should have been more sensitive and helpful to them. All will be offered comparable job opportunities within the bank.

Second, we are reviewing our supplier arrangements and policies with a continued focus on Canadian jobs and prosperity, balancing our desire to be both a successful business and a leading corporate citizen.

Third, our Canadian client call centres are located in Canada and support our domestic and our U.S. business, and they will remain in Canada.

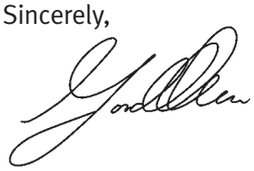
Fourth, we are preparing a new initiative aimed at helping young people gain an important first work experience in our company, which we will announce in the weeks ahead.

RBC proudly employs over 57,000 people in Canada. Over the last four years, despite a challenging global economy, we added almost 3,000 full-time jobs in Canada. We also hire over 2,000 youth in Canada each year and we support thousands more jobs through the purchases we make from Canadian suppliers. As we continue to grow, so will the number of jobs for Canadians.

RBC opened for business in 1864 and we have worked hard since then to earn the confidence and support of the community. Today, we remain every bit as committed to earning the right to be our clients' first choice, providing rewarding careers for our employees, delivering returns to shareholders who invest with us, and supporting the communities in which we are privileged to operate.

I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

Sincerely,



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200K vehicles in Canada

Japanese auto producers issue recall over airbags

Honda, Toyota and Nissan are recalling more than three million vehicles globally, including some 200,000 in Canada, for a problem with airbags on the passenger side whose inflator may burst. Toyota has received five reports of airbag problems worldwide, but there have been no injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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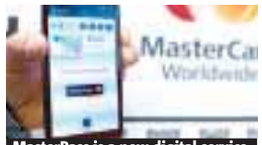
E-commerce. MasterCard launches digital wallet

For those who hate the tedious process of filling out billing and shipping information every time they make an online purchase, MasterCard is rolling out a digital wallet product called MasterPass, which works on computers, tablets and smartphones.

When completing a purchase and clicking on MasterPass, users just need to provide a password. If they've saved multiple credit cards and shipping addresses they can choose which to use.



MasterPass is a new digital service that stores credit card information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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Gord Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaks to reporters in Calgary in this Feb. 28 photo. The bank is making a public apology to workers affected by a controversial outsourcing arrangement. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess

Mea culpa. Bank will publish open letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected workers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

Foreign worker program

- The rapid growth of the temporary foreign worker program has raised concerns that Canadian companies are filling job vacancies with cheaper workers from overseas rather than actively finding Canadians to fill the jobs.

He also committed to a review of the bank's supplier agreements and to keep its call centres that support the bank's domestic and U.S. business in Canada.

In earlier statements and an interview that Nixon gave to CBC, the bank had said it expected and believed that its outsourcing supplier had complied with all relevant Canadian rules.

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Has Bitcoin's bubble burst?

It's a promising form of electronic cash free from central bankers and beloved by hackers. But Bitcoin may also be in deep trouble, registering catastrophic losses that have sent speculators scrambling.

Although the cyber-currency has existed for years as a kind of Internet oddity, a perfect storm of developments has brought it to the cusp of mainstream use.

As currency crises in Europe piqued investors' interest, a growing number of businesses announced they were accepting bitcoins for an ever-wider range of goods and services.

The value of a single bitcoin began racing upward amid growing media attention, smashing past the $100 US mark last week before more than doubling again in just a few days.

Then came the crash. The price of Bitcoin has imploded, falling from $266 US on Wednesday to roughly $55 on Thursday. The best-known Bitcoin exchange, the Tokyo-based Mt. Gox, suspended trading for what it described as a 12-hour "market cooldown."

Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist for the ConvergEx Group, said it was a "great question" whether the currency could survive the wrenching up-and-down. "At this point I would say yes, since it has before," Colas wrote in an email. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CELEBS AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE

THE METRO LIST

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1 **Good Turn Week.** Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on scouts.ca/goodturn, which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

2 **Const. Brendan Power.** This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

3 **#nowthatchersdead.** This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as 'now that Cher's dead' and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

4 **Rihanna's hockey jersey.** The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.

5 **Davis Cup Canada.** Ace! Canada advanced to the final 4 of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, cementing things with a win by Milos Raonic. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tourney at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

6 **McDonald's.** With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

7 **Celebrity close-up.** The tumblr account celebritycloseup.tumblr.com takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

8 **@1890probs.** If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids," "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies," "I wish I could see my boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

9 **Oprah hits Canada again.** Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her west coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week, and then Steeltown Saturday night, where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumboulopoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. Oprah and Strombo, what's not to love?

10 **Led Zeppelin.** If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

11 **Louisville tattoo**. With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

12 **Dragons' Den.** In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.

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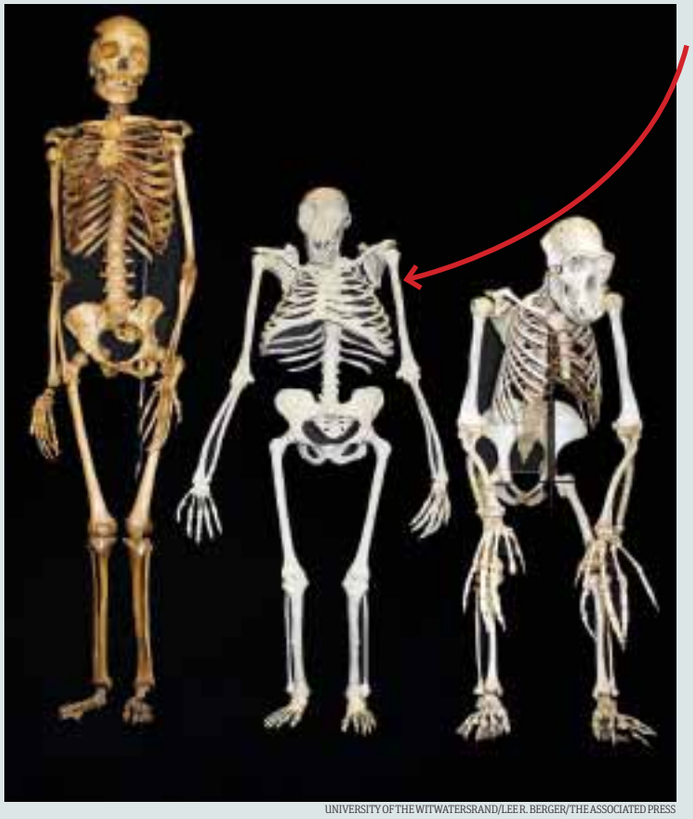

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Darwin's back

Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of Australopithecus sediba, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly-studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for A. sediba's narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

Quoted

"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for high concept, non-sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

@boring_as_heck:
A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay $13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, ill pay $14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

@cool_pond:
A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

@_MichaelJOrdan:
No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly addled version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jumping but they still took it. im just always thinking about jumping."

Letters

RE: Earth to PMO: We're Doomed, published April 4

I wanted to tell you that I really enjoy reading your paper in Calgary.

In the April 4 edition of Metro news Calgary the article, Earth to PMO: We're doomed by John Mazerolle, was so funny I laughed myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.

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Synopsis

42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●○○

Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in 42. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Field of equal dreams

42. The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

Richard: Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

Mark: Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

RC: I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

MB: All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

RC: I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

MB: He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!

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Drama

The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

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Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. **ANNE BRODIE**

Documentary

Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

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Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with Revolution. After championing the cause against shark finning in Sharkwater, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, Revolution is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summating his position. **IAN GORMELY**

Saving the world

"Revolution is a film about how humans are going to survive the next hundred years. We follow life as a character through 3.5 billion years of evolution, five mass extinctions that almost wiped life off the face of the planet, culminating in humans in the midst of another one of these extinctions."

Documentary filmmaker Rob Stewart on his high stakes new movie, Revolution. **IAN GORMELY/METRO**

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The Call (14A) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:25-8:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Croods (G) Sat-Sun 1
The Croods 3D (G) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:35-8
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri 7:20-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:45-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:40
Identity Thief (14A) Fri 7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:25-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:45
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 4-9:30 Mon-Thu 9
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Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri 6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Safe Haven (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:20
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri 7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:55-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:25

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Escape From Planet Earth (G) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Thu 9
The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

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21 and Over (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:50-9:50
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Django Unchained (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-8:45
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Quartet (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Sat 1:30-3:55 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:55
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 1:15-3:45-6:35-9:25 Sat-Sun 6:35-9:25 Mon-Wed 1:15-3:45-6:35-9:25 Thu 1:15-3:45-9:25
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Warm Bodies (PG) Fri 1:25-3:50-7-9:35 Sat 1:25-3:50 Sun 1:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-3:50-7-9:35
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Rihanna and Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's touring and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."

Jennifer Garner

Garner putting the pants back on in her relationship

It's Jennifer Garner's turn to go to work, which means husband Ben Affleck will be staying home with the kids, the Argo director reveals, according to Us Weekly.

"She's got a couple of movies coming up. There's going to be a little Mr. Mom action and I'm going to get back in the ring," Affleck says.

"She told me to go to the gym. I'm preparing myself. I'm going to take on some more of the burden."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party — sort of

THE WORD
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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated — twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers, something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on E! News that Kristen Stewart decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightspot No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me started on Lil' Bow Wow.)

Anyway, according to E!, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson. Next interview we do together, impress me with your 401K plan and maybe I'll wrap my head around the fact of your aging.

Madonna

Madonna feud heating up

Madonna's ongoing feud with Malawi President Joyce Banda isn't getting any better, with Banda now blasting the singer for reportedly demanding expedited travel privileges for herself and her entourage for a recent visit to the country, according to Yahoo! News.

"Granted, Madonna is a famed international musician," Banda says in a statement. "But that does not impose an injunction of obligation on any government under whose territory Madonna finds herself, including Malawi, to give her state treatment. Such treatment, even if she deserved it, is discretionary."

Ryan Seacrest

Seacrest swats away prank

Ryan Seacrest is the latest celebrity to fall victim to swatting, a prank in which a phoney 911 call comes in triggering a swat team response to the star's home, according to E! News.

"A caller reported that a group of armed men was trying to break into Mr. Ryan Seacrest's residence," the Beverly Hills Police Department statement reads. "Upon arrival, officers made contact with private security at the residence and were told there was no trouble. Officers also contacted Mr. Seacrest and he also confirmed that everything was OK."

Selena Gomez and Justin Timberlake were each targeted by a swatting prank last week as well.

Twitter

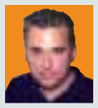
@TheRock
My dr's said that starting back training w/ torn abdominals would be a bitch. Just found out they were right;). We gotta push thru..

@ElizabethHurley
Did u know there is a Guild of British Molecatchers?

@lenadunham
Twitter used to be a new friend I wanted to chat on a dock with til sunrise. Now she's an old friend who I take 11 hours to text back.

Liquid Assets

The wrap on Pinot grigio



LIQUID ASSETS
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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezzacorona's 2012 Pinot Grigio ($11.95 to $15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine.

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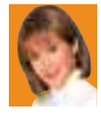
On a (healthy) roll with smoked salmon

Smoked Salmon, Cheese, Avocado and Caper Wrap. Looking for a light lunch idea? Try this refreshing combination with a unique cheese twist



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My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.

This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce overtop.

3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 124 calories; 7 g protein; 6.1 g fat; 2.1 g saturated fat; 14 g carbohydrates; 12 mg cholesterol; 324 mg sodium; 1.8 g fibre

Slimming down Chicken Salad

This Spinach, Leeks & Chicken Sandwich recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

1. Heat butter over medium-low heat in a fry pan. Add leek and cook 3-4 minutes or until soft. Add 3 cups (375 ml) spinach and cook 2-3 minutes or until completely wilted. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Remove from heat to cool.

2. Chop spinach and leek mixture roughly. Stir in crumbled feta cheese and chopped chicken.

3. Brush one side of each slice of toasted bread lightly with olive oil. Top olive oil side of 4 slices of bread with chicken mixture, remaining fresh spinach and bread slices. Cut each sandwich in half and serve.

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Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 1 leek, thinly sliced
- 5 cups (750 ml) fresh spinach, divided
- Salt and pepper
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) crumbled feta cheese
- 3 Maple Leaf Prime Naturally Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, cooked and coarsely chopped
- Olive oil
- 8 slices Dempster's WholeGrains Ancient Grains Bread, toasted

Garcia enjoying lead 'while it lasts'

Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

The Masters. Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening tournament with 66

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go. ... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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Guan Tianlang

Anything but green at 14

Fourteen-year-old Guan Tianlang is the youngest golfer ever to compete at the Masters.

But he looked more like a veteran Thursday when he shot a 1-over 73 in his debut at Augusta National.

Guan made a 15-footer from off the green to birdie his final hole, getting a standing ovation.

If he plays this way Friday, the eighth-grader from China could set another record as the youngest player to make the cut at the Masters.

Quoted

"Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully, I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

Sergio Garcia

Canada's Sports HOF

Sakic leads new class of inductees

Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic headlines this year's list of inductees into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sakic, who had 1,641 career regular-season points over 20 seasons in the NHL, won league championships with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and 2001. He also won titles at the Winter Olympics, world hockey championship, World Cup of Hockey, world junior championships and Memorial Cup.

Others named in the athlete category on Thursday include cyclist Alison Sydor, curler Russ Howard and Paralympian Andre Viger.

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You Can Play

NHL, NHLPA partner to combat homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory of Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

You Can Play will conduct seminars at the NHL's rookie symposium and make its resources and personnel available to each individual team as desired.

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No comeback for Blue Jays this time

Jays starter Josh Johnson gave up six runs in 1 1/3 innings on Thursday in Detroit. GETTY IMAGES

Josh Johnson put his team in another tough spot with one of the worst outings of his career.

The Toronto right-hander was knocked out of the game in the second inning on Thursday — the latest poor start by a Blue Jays pitcher — and the Detroit Tigers rolled to an 11-1 win at chilly Comerica Park.

Miguel Cabrera tripled, scored twice and even stole a base for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (2-0) allowed a run and eight hits in eight innings.

Johnson (0-1) allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings — the shortest start of his career.

"I haven't thrown a slider for a strike yet, and I need that pitch. When I'm throwing it for strikes, it is something that the hitters have to think about, but this is two starts now, and it hasn't happened," Johnson said. "I didn't have anything today. They were all over my curveball for some reason, and the fastball was just hanging over the plate."

On Thursday

Tigers	Blue Jays
11	1

Prince Fielder had four RBIs and Torii Hunter added three for the Tigers.

The temperature at game time was 2 C, the coldest for a Detroit home game since 1996, according to STATS.

"It certainly was uncomfortable pitching out there today, but look what the other guy did," Johnson said.

The Blue Jays have not lived up to early expectations because of poor pitching. Their starters are now 1-4 with a 7.59 ERA.

Toronto has lost three straight series to start the year for the first time since 1978. The Blue Jays lost four straight series to start that season.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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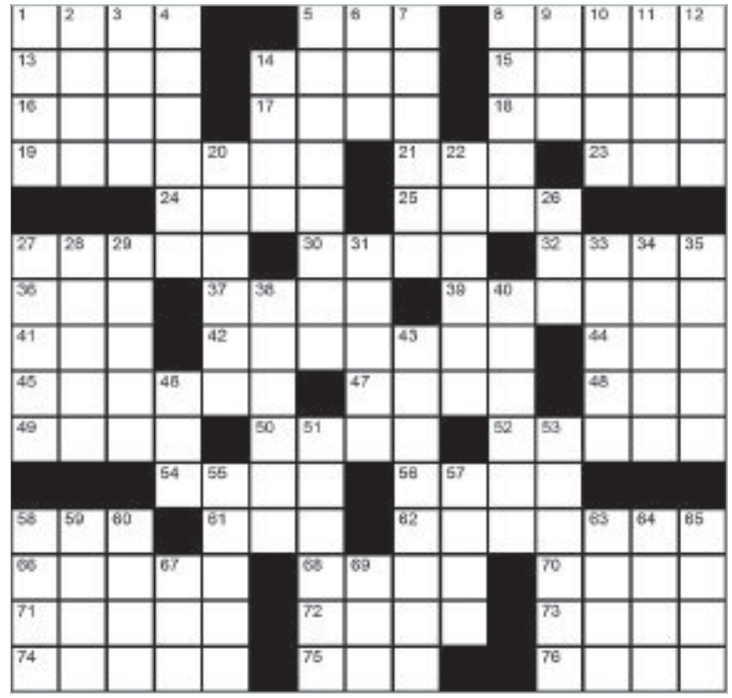
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

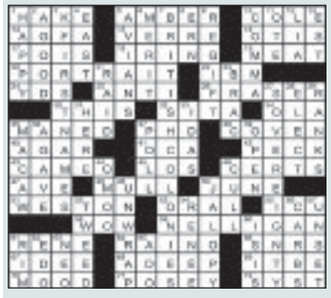
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Crack
5. Actor Matthew
8. The Apprenticeship of __ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
13. Commotion
14. "Dig a __" by The Beatles
15. Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
16. __-doers
17. __ Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
18. Type of vision correction surgery
19. French artist, Henri __ (b.1869 - d.1954)
21. "__ la la!"
23. Mini-albums, for short
24. Hershey's product, for short
25. Jaunt
27. Lion __ (Circus performer)
30. Each: 2 wds.
32. Authentic
36. Tip to 'maniac'
37. Bear in Space
39. Up more
41. Jeff Lynne's gr.
42. Gary __ (NHL Commissioner)
44. 'Emp' ending
45. 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother __
47. Pros and whats?
48. Li'l digits
49. Shoe part
50. Comedian/actor Jay
52. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. In __ of (Replacing)
56. Chop the veggies
58. Greece neighbor [abbr.]
61. Museum stuff
62. Competitor
66. Kingdom
68. Be without
70. Close by
71. Barbecue item, Shish __ [var. sp.]
72. Unfortunately
73. River in Normandy
74. Timetables, slangly-spelled
75. Nintendo game console
76. We, in Westmount

Down
1. Bloom's balancer
2. __ Scotia
3. Mine passage
4. OPP part
5. Weather outlook
6. "Snakes __ Plane" (2006): 2 wds.
7. Coldplay album: 'Mylo __'
8. Capital of India, New __
9. 'Spat' suffix (Pancakes flipper)
10. Doctor's amount
11. Mr. Boring
12. Shaggy creatures of Tibet
14. Ballroom dance, with Doble
20. Garden items
22. Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Maslany, "__ Black"
26. Clothesline clasp
27. Zipper bits
28. With much merriment
29. Singer/actress Mandy
31. Quilt's one-of-some
33. Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
34. Wading†bird
35. Hair lock
38. Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
40. Bug
43. Author Richler
46. Kay's follower
51. Wanted Poster person
53. City in British Columbia
55. Poetic feet
57. Signs a contract, colloquially
58. Bible-style boats
59. Soup vegetable
60. Pig in the movies
63. Nestle treat
64. Mork's greeting, when doubled
65. Uno + dos = ?
67. Fellow
69. Actress Ms. Larter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8	1
1	9	4	5	7	8	6	3	2
6	8	3	1	2	9	7	4	5
7	1	5	2	8	4	3	9	6
2	6	8	3	9	5	4	1	7
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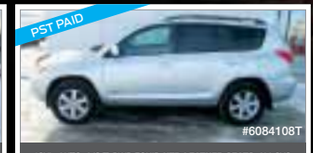
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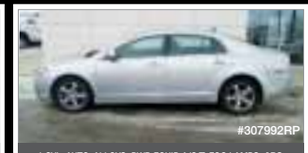
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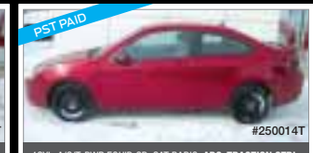
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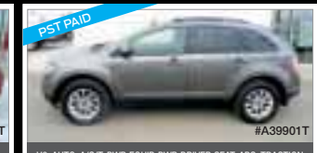
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